

NAME:

COURSE:

A Glowing Future

*'OK, I'm sorry too. It's a mess, and maybe I shouldn't have done it the way I did. But the best way is for me just to go and my things to go and make a clean **split**. Right? And now will you please be a good girl and go away and let me get some sleep?'*

*What happened next he hadn't **bargained for**. It hadn't crossed his mind. Men don't understand about women and sex. She threw herself on him, **clumsily**, hungrily. She pulled his shirt open and began kissing his neck and his chest, holding his head, crushing her mouth to his mouth, lying on top of him and gripping his legs with her knees.*

*He gave her a savage push. He kicked her away, and she fell and struck her head on the side of the trunk. The candle fell off, **flared** and died in a pool of wax. In the darkness he **cursed** floridly. He put on the light and she got up, holding her head where there was a little blood.*

*'Oh, get out, for God's sake,' he said, and he **manhandled** her out, slamming the door after her.*

*In the morning, when she came into the room, a blue bruise on her forehead, he was asleep, fully clothed, spread-eagled on his back. She **shuddered** at the sight of him. She began to get breakfast but she couldn't eat anything. The coffee made her gag and a great nauseous shiver went through her. When she went back to him he was sitting up on the sofa, looking at his plane ticket to Paris.*

The men are coming for the stuff at ten,' he said as if nothing had happened, 'and they'd better not be late. I have to be at the airport at noon.'

QUESTIONS

1. Match the following words to the definitions (1 point).

Split	Bargain for	Clumsily	Flare	Curse	Manhandle	Shudder
						Swear, say rude words.
						Awkwadly and ungracefully.
						Bright and brief light.
						Move by physical strength.
						Expect, be prepared for.

2. Answer the following questions according to the reading (5 points).

a. How long had Maurice spent in Australia?

b. How many times had Maurice phoned?

